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SUBJECT: UK VIEWS ON FUTURE EC ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENTS
WITH AFRICA

1. IN MEETINGS WITH DUNCAN IN LONDON ON APRIL 2-3,
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BRITISH OFFICIALS DESCRIBED UK POLICY ON THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY' S FUTURE ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH AFRICA.

2. UNTIL EARLY THIS YEAR, THEY SAID, THE UK HOPED THAT THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLES WOULD SIMPLY CHOOSE THE FIRST " OPTION" IN PROTOCOL 22 OF THE EC ACCESSION TREATY AND JOIN A RENEWED YAOUNDE CONVENTION. THIS APPROACH IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE HOSTILITY THAT SO MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN TOWARD REVERSE PREFERENCES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE YAOUNDE CONVENTION. BRITISH OFFICIALS NOW CONSIDER THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD DROP THE THREE OPTIONS IN PROTOCOL 22 AND AGREE TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITS PRESW OF THESE DECISIONS BY MEETING AND IN RELIANCE UPON THEM, US DELEGATION WITHDREW PROPOSAL THAT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRUG ABUSE BE SELECTED AS SPECIAL TOPIC FOR 1973. SPECIAL TOPIC PROPOSED BY NEW ZEALAND FOR 1973 MEETING WAS THEN SELECTED BY CONSENSUS IN WHICH US JOINED. IN ADDITION SUBJECT PROPOSED BY INDIA AS SPECIAL TOPIC FOR 1973 MEETING WAS INSTEAD APPROVED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AT THAT MEETING. THE INDIAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN AND SUPPORTED THESE DECISIONS.

3. AT BOTH OFFICIAL AND MINISTERIAL COLOMBO PLAN MEETINGS IN 1972, US DELEGATION EXPRESSED ITS VIEW REGARDING POSSIBLE FUNCTIONS OF DRUG ABUSE ADVISER AS FOLLOWS:

" IN ORDER TO HELP PROMOTE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE INTERCHANGE ON THIS SUBJECT, AS WELL AS TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE EFFORTS, WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT A DRUG ABUSE ADVISER BE APPOINTED TO THE STAFF OF THE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU. THE DUTIES OF THIS ADVISER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIGHT INCLUDE:

1. VISITS TO MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR CONSULTATIVE PURPOSES.
2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, DISCUSSIONS AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT IDENTIFY NEW APPROACHES AND COULD RESULT IN NEW PROGRAMS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION.
3. PREPARATION OF STUDIES AND REPORTS WHICH MIGHT BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBER COUNTRIES, AND WHICH COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING."
4. IN HIS LETTER TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS DATED DECEMBER 1, (C 72/69) BUREAU DIRECTOR DESCRIBED DRUG ADVISER POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

" IT WAS AGREED AT THE 22 ND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING THAT A DRUG ADVISER SHOULD BE APPOINTED ON ATTACHMENT TO THE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU. HE WOULD CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS, ASSIST IN THE ORGANIZATION OF SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, AND HELP TO DEVELOP CO- OPERATIVE PROGRAMMES, DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES AND TO AMELIORATE THE EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE."

FURTHER, IN HIS LETTER TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1973, (C 72/69 ADD. 2), THE BUREAU DIRECTOR TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE DRUG ADVISER POSITION:

"3. AN EXTRACT FROM THE RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE 22 ND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IS QUOTED BELOW FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS:-

' IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ' THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRUG ABUSE,' IT

WAS AGREED TO APPOINT A DRUG ADVISER TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU FOR THE COMING YEAR WHO WOULD CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS, ASSIST IN THE ORGANISATION OF SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, AND HELP DEVELOP CO- OPERATIVE PROGRAMMES, DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSES AND TO AMELIORATE THE EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE. A REPORT ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SUBJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (IN NOVEMBER 1973). THE U. S. DELEGATE OFFERED ON BEHALF OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF THIS ADVISER.'

"4. THE APPOINTMENT IS INITIALLY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND THE SALARY SUGGESTED FOR THE POST IS POUNDS 4,000 PER ANNUM ALONG WITH ALLOWANCES."

5. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, THE JOB WILL BECOME WHAT THE ADVISER, WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES, CAN MAKE OF IT. BELIEVE ADVISER'S EARLY CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WILL ASSIST NOT ONLY IN IDENTIFYING COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS BUT ALSO IN PREPARING FOR DISCUSSION OF DRUG ABUSE AS SPECIAL ITEM AT 1973

COLOMBO PLAN MEETING.

6. WE BELIEVE COLOMBO PLAN HAS CAPACITY FOR UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO CONSIDERATION OF DRUG ABUSE IN COLOMBO PLAN REGION BY CONCENTRATING ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASPECTS AND POSSIBILITIES FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG PLAN COUNTRIES IN THESE ASPECTS. WITH THIS APPROACH, COLOMBO PLAN DISCUSSION OF DRUG ABUSE AND ACTIVITY OF DRUG ABUSE ADVISER WOULD SUPPLEMENT, NOT DUPLICATE, ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HOPEFULLY, COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE POSSIBLE UNDER COLOMBO PLAN WHICH MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE UNDER OTHER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES. IT IS US POLICY TO ENCOURAGE ATTENTION TO DRUG ABUSE IN EVERY FORUM OR CHANNEL WHERE THERE ARE PROSPECTS OF FRUITFUL COLLABORATION FOR AMELIORATION OF ITS EFFECTS.

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7. US FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF DRUG ABUSE ADVISER BEYOND FIRST YEAR WILL DEPEND ON EVALUATION OF RESULTS AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. FYI -- FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AID IS BUDGETING DOLS. 100,000 FOR SECOND YEAR ALSO. END FYI. YOU SHOULD URGE

COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE ADVISER SOONEST SO THAT PROGRAM CAN GET STARTED, ASSURING THEM THAT IF COLOMBO PLAN FINDS ACTIVITY TO BE OF VALUE, US WOULD GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO EXTENDING GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL PERIOD, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. RUSH

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OF MAINTAINING THE YAOUNDE STRUCTURE UNCHANGED. THE
FRENCH POSITION SHOULD BECOME CLEARER, HOWEVER, WHEN THE
MEMBER STATES BEGIN TO DISCUSS THE INITIAL REPORT WHICH
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THE COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE THIS WEEK. ALL
THE OFFICIALS WHO MET WITH DUNCAN CONSIDERED THE
PROPOSALS THAT UNDER SECRETARY CASEY MADE ON THE
PREFERENCES ISSUE AT THE MARCH 21-22 US- EC CONSULTATIONS
TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ELIMINATION OF
REVERSE PREFERENCES.

6. WHILE HE WAS IN LONDON, DUNCAN MET WITH OFFICIALS
WHO DEAL WITH AFRICAN AND EC MATTERS AT THE FCO, THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE OVERSEAS
DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARIAT. HIS FIRST- HAND ACCOUNT OF AFRICAN
ATTITUDES TOWARD EC ASSOCIATION REINFORCED THE
IMPRESSIONS WHICH THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN GETTING FROM
THEIR OWN EXAMPLE, HOUPHOUET'S INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH (INR INTELLI-
GENCE NOTE RAAN-37 OF 9/1/72) OR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
YACE'S SPEECH OF ONLY LAST WEEK TO THE EEC - AOC PARLIAMENTARY
CONFERENCE IN KINSHASA (ABIDJAN 2191, 4/2/73). YACE APPEARED ON
LOCAL TELEVISION APRIL 2 AGAIN CRITICIZING US AND OTHER DC'S
FOR ALLOWING TERMS OF TRADE TO DECLINE, HE CLAIMED, BY A FACTOR
OF FORTY.
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